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Executive Director

The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz, Chair  
House Committee on Ways and Means  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133

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**RE: Support for H.3983, An Act to Create a 2050 Roadmap to a Clean and Thriving Commonwealth**

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Dear Chair Michlewitz:

Maureen O'Shea  
Clerk

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) writes in strong support of H.3983, An Act to Create a 2050 Roadmap to a Clean and Thriving Commonwealth, and respectfully urges the House Committee on Ways and Means to report the bill out favorably before the November break in the legislative session.

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Founded in 1968, APCC is the Cape Cod region's leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization. Representing thousands of members across Cape Cod, APCC's mission is to promote policies and programs that foster the preservation of the Cape's natural resources. APCC focuses its efforts on the protection of groundwater, surface water, and wetland resources, preservation of open space, the promotion of responsible, planned growth and the achievement of an environmental ethic.

H.3983 provides the essential components for Massachusetts to meet its responsibilities in addressing the climate crisis and reducing its carbon emissions by:

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- Strengthening the 2050 state goal from 80 percent carbon emissions reduction to net zero, which is consistent with the latest science, including the report released last year by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicting dire consequences if radical changes are not made immediately to drastically reduce carbon emissions.
- Setting interim goals for 2030 and 2040, which would be enforceable under the Global Warming Solutions Act.

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- Requiring the Commonwealth to create a workable plan to achieve the above goals.

The state's current 80 percent reduction goal is insufficient in meeting the net zero goal we must achieve according to the latest science. H.3983 establishes the necessary roadmap and timetable for Massachusetts to reach this more ambitious but necessary goal. APCC asks the House Committee on Ways and Means to act swiftly in reporting this bill out favorably.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Rep. Sarah Peake  
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